

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** File27.jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1101063.010

**Medium:** Computer Image File Printout

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Secretary for Internal Affairs

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 08 December 2011

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout is a close-up of a young girl's thighs, genital area and torso. The child wears a brief bikini that barely covers her sexual parts and the deliberate camera focus on her almost naked body and genitals sexualises the photograph. Images such as this encourage viewers to see even very young children as sexually available and perpetuate the idea that they may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.